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FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2464

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

USCINCSO

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 1177

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SUBJECT: OASGA AND CUBA

REF: 1) STATE 058828; 2) STATE 058440; 3) SAN SALVADOR 1135

DEPT ALSO FOR USOAS; USCINCSO FOR POLAD

1. I MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO FORMIN BORGONOVO THIS  
MORNING ( MARCH 30):

- A. THE USG STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY CHANGE IN OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA;
- B. WE FEEL IT VITAL THAT THE CURRENT MAJORITY BE MAINTAINED;
- C. WE FEAR AND WOULD OPPOSE A WEASEL- WORDED RESOLUTION THAT WOULD PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR A DE FACTO ABANDONMENT OF CURRENT POLICY;
- D. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH FURTHER EROSION OF OAS PRESTIGE SHOULD CHANGES BE MADE.

2. THE FORMIN' S FIRST REACTION WAS " HAS BOWDLER BEEN IN TO SEE  
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ARENALES WITH THIS?". I SAID I DID NOT KNOW AND HE SAID  
" PLEASE FIND OUT AND GET BACK TO ME." AFTER TALKING TO AMBASSADOR  
BOWDLER, I TOLD BORGONOVO THAT OUR FEELINGS HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO  
ARENALES ON TUESDAY ( SEE GUATEMALA 1402) AND HE SEEMED  
RELIEVED.

3. THE FORMIN NEXT ASKED IF WE WERE COUNTING SALVADOR AMONG THE  
WHITE  
HATS IN OUR HEAD COUNT. I SAID YES AND ASKED IF WE WERE JUSTIFIED.  
HE LAUGHED AND SAID " YES, AS LONG AS WE KEEP THAT NICE SUGAR QUOTA."  
HE ADDED THAT WE SHOULD BE LEERY OF COSTA RICA, WHICH IS ANXIOUS  
TO CONCLUDE AN EXTRADITION/ HIGHJACKING TREATY WITH CUBA SIMILAR  
TO THE ONE THE US HAS JUST SIGNED. THE COSTA RICAN AIRLINE, LACSA,  
FLIES OVER CUBA; THE ROUTE IS APPARENTLY PROFITABLE AND BORGONOVO  
FEELS THEIR ANXIETY TO PROTECT IT MIGHT CAUSE EROSION IN THEIR  
RESOLVE ON THE OAS MATTER.

4. COMMENT: WHILE I FEEL RELATIVELY SURE OF EL SALVADOR'S VOTE,  
THE DESIRE FOR UNANIMITY IN CENTRAL AMERICA IS STRONG; A  
MAJOR DEFECTION COULD HAVE A CHAIN REACTION EFFECT, PARTICULARLY  
IN LIGHT OF THE SURPRISING ( TO ME) NEWS THAT VENEZUELA IS ON THE  
OTHER SIDE. BORGONOVO HAD SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ( REF 3) THAT THE  
CA COUNTRIES WOULD WATCH WHAT CARACAS DID SINCE IT WAS THE  
GODFATHER  
OF SANCTIONS IN THE FIRST PLACE. I RECOMMEND USDEL NOT LET UP  
IN EFFORT TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THE SALVADORANS.  
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